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	AG	5,100,417	3/31/92	Cerier et al.			
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	AS	5,403,348	4/4/95	Bonutti			
	AT	5,411,523	5/2/95	Goble			
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	BJ	5,630,824	5/20/97	Hart			
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	BL	5,645,589	7/8/97	Li			
	BM	5,647,874	7/15/97	Hayhurst			
	BN	5,690,676	11/25/97	DiPoto et al.			
	BO	5,709,708	1/20/98	Thal			
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	BX	5,824,011	10/20/98	Stone et al.			
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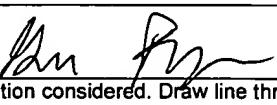
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